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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) A boy died near the gate of the Government Women and Children Hospital, Kozhikode, on 21st December 1954. An enquiry revealed that it was not due to any negligence on the part of the hospital authorities."

* 1344 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state : whether it is a fact that a sick child, aged about seven years, and its mother were kept waiting for about three hours by the gate-keeper of the Government Women and Children Hospital, Kozhikode, on 21st December 1954 and that the child expired in the meanwhile?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 1343."

* 1345 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state : whether it is a fact that on 21st December 1954, a boy named Subramanian, seven years of age, who was suffering from severe fever and was in a serious condition, died at the gates of the Kozhikode Government Women and Children Hospital on the arms of his father as the hospital watchman did not allow them to enter the hospital to see the doctor?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 1343."

* 1346 Q.—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any complaint that the gate of the Government Women and Children Hospital at Kozhikode was closed to a child in serious condition, denying entry to the hospital on 21st December 1954, which resulted in the death of the child outside the hospital for want of medical aid ; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 1343."

* 1347 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any complaints regarding the death of a child in the precincts of the Government Women and Children Hospital at Kozhikode, owing to the neglect of the hospital staff;

(b) whether the Government made any enquiry in the matter; and

(c) if so, what is the result of the enquiry?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 1343."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether an enquiry has been made and whether a report has been